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Early September 1949

1. A unit of about five hundred recruits was quartered in the former Reiter Kaserne, PARCHIM (M 54/T 74). The new kaserne section was occupied by a rear detail which regularly dispatched quartering equipment.

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2. Three armored reconnaissance cars, two [REDACTED] and a large command car, occupied by tank officers, coming from the direction of LUDWIGSLUST (M 54/T 53), arrived in the PARCHIM Reiter Kaserne. The trucks [REDACTED] were observed to haul quartering equipment away from the kaserne.

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3 to 7 October 1949

3. The billeting equipment of a tank unit, which had been quartered in the old section of the Reiter Kaserne and was on maneuvers at the time of observation, was shipped to the rail-

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Five [REDACTED], coming from the direction of LUDWIGSLUST, passed through PARCHIM and proceeded towards MARLITZ (M 54/T 73). It was said that the PARCHIM tank unit was to be transferred to PERLEBERG (M 54/T 70).

7 to 9 October 1949

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4. An AAA unit, allegedly transferred from PERLEBERG to PARCHIM, arrived in the old section of the Reiter Kaserne. About 30 trucks with numbers of the [REDACTED], marked with the crossed-gun-barrel insignia on the driver's cab, were observed with the unit. Trucks were observed hauling troops and

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billeting equipment to the kaserne from the railroad station. Several trucks carried light AA guns of about 20 mm caliber and ammunition boxes.

Mid-October 1949

5. The PARCHIM Reiter Kaserne was occupied by the newly arrived AAA unit and a rear detail of a tank unit still on maneuvers. The former Landratsamt (county administration building), previously occupied by a unit headquarters, was vacant.

20 September 1949

6. All troops from the PARCHIM military post had gone to maneuvers in the WITTSTOCK area (N 54/U 11). The former Landratsamt on Karl-Marxstrasse, previously occupied by the headquarters of the 18th Mecz Div, was vacant.

a. Information from PARCHIM and PERLEBERG (both military posts of the 18th Mecz Div) does not indicate that an exchange of troops between the towns was planned or effected. The units assumed to be stationed in the PARCHIM area include the two tank regiments and the AAA battalion (regiment?) of the 18th Mecz Div, while the 58th Mecz Regt of the same division is believed to be located in PERLEBERG.

b. The location in the PARCHIM Landratsamt of the 18th Mecz Div Hq was confirmed up to 20 September 1949. The command element of the division was still on maneuvers.

c. According to numerous previous reports, the PARCHIM units of the 18th Mecz Div also held their 1949 summer maneuvers in the WITTSTOCK-SCHWEINRICH area after the Spring of 1949. Some units moved to the BURG-BELZIG-GENTHIN area to participate in the large-scale Third Shock Army final maneuvers starting in early October 1949. As units reportedly left the WITTSTOCK-SCHWEINRICH training area after mid-October 1949, it is expected that the component units of the 18th Mecz Div returned to their military posts during the second half of October 1949.

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